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Please see attached Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment.

### DETAILED ACTION

The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to **Group Art Unit 1627**. Also, please note the change in the Examiner now handling this application.

#### *Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment*

1. The Response filed on January 8, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In the Restriction Requirement, applicant was required to elect from three Groups and then further elect a species (Paper No. 4, paragraph 5). Although an election was indicated, it is unclear that this election is responsive because applicant elected a single compound (Example 1) and the claims are drawn to a *combinatorial library*. Is the elected compound supposed to be the "core" of the claimed library? This simply is not clear. Applicant is requested to elect a combinatorial library for examination; the election should result in a core compound that is common to all library members and a specific library, for purposes of search. Due to these problems/omissions, it is not evident exactly which claims should be under examination in the instant case and thus clarification is requested before examination on the merits. When replying to this Notice, it is also requested that applicant provide a listing of all claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added.

If necessary, the examiner would be happy to discuss the above matter via telephone to help further clarify the issue.

2. Since the above-mentioned amendment (Response) appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maurie E. Garcia, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-0065. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:30 to 7:00 and alternate Fridays.

4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jyothsna Venkat, can be reached on (703) 308-2439. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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